

## 秋水仙花生物碱\*

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**摘要** 从云南昭通引种欧洲秋水仙花中分离出 6 个生物碱: 秋水仙碱 (I), 2-去甲秋水仙碱 (II), 2-去甲脱羧秋水仙碱 (III), 2-去甲-17-羟基秋水仙碱 (IV), 2-去甲- $\beta$ -光秋水仙碱 (V),  $\beta$ -光秋水仙碱 (VI)。

**关键词** 秋水仙, 生物碱, 秋水仙碱

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## Alkaloids from the Flowers of *Colchicum autumnale*

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**Abstract** This paper reports six alkaloids, colchicine (I), 2-demethylcolchicine (II), 2-demethyldemecolchicine (III), 2-demethylcolchifoline (IV), 2-demethyl- $\beta$ -lumicolchicine (V), and  $\beta$ -lumicolchicine (VI) isolated from the flowers of *Colchicum autumnale* which was introduced from Europe to Zhaotong, Yunnan, China.

**Key words** *Colchicum autumnale*, Alkaloids, Colchicine

Colchicine (Dewar, 1945), a tropholone alkaloid, is a principal alkaloid that was isolated from *Colchicum autumnale* (Liliaceae). It has a variety of medical purpose in the treatments of goat, breast cancer, skin cancer, leukemia and Hodgkin's disease. Thus much attention was paid to colchicine and its analogues for their strong anticancer activity and special structures (Jitak *et al*, 1993; Brossi, 1990).

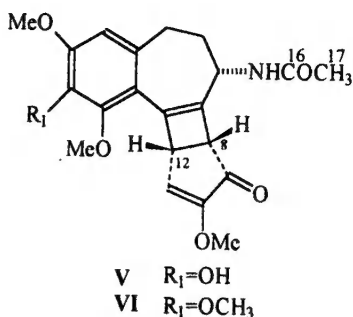
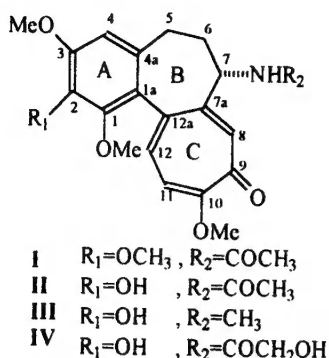
This paper firstly reports the chemical constituents in the flowers of *Colchicum autumnale* which was introduced from Europe to Zhaotong, Yunnan. China. Six alkaloids were separated from the flowers. They were colchicine (I), 2-demethylcolchicine (II), 2-demethyldemecolchicine (III), 2-demethylcolchifoline (IV), 2-demethyl- $\beta$ -lumicolchicine (V), and  $\beta$ -lumicolchicine (VI). They were identified by using IR,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and MS.

The research results showed the content to colchicine (I) in the flowers was low, and the content of 2-demethyldemecolchicine (III) was high.

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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Compounds I, II, and VI were identified as colchicine (Baytop *et al*, 1980; Meksuriyen *et al*, 1988), 2 - demethylcolchicine (Hufford *et al*, 1979), and  $\beta$  - lumicolchicine (Meksuriyen, 1988; Chapman *et al*, 1963), respectively by comparison of their  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral data with those of authentic samples.

Compound III  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5$ , M 357. Its IR spectrum ( $3320\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) revealed the presence of hydroxyl group. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\delta$  4.01, 3.93, and 3.57) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\delta$  60.3, 56.2, and 56.1) showed the presence of three methoxyl groups. A report (Hufford *et al*, 1979) suggested that the methoxyl groups at C - 10 and C - 3 can be assigned to the signals at  $\delta$  56.3 or  $\delta$  56.5, and those at C - 1 and C - 2 can be assigned to the signals at 61.3 or 61.5. So, III is not 3 - demethyl or 10 - demethyl analogue, but 1 - demethyl or 2 - demethyl analogue. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of C - 1, C - 2 and C - 3 of III are similar to those of 2 - demethylcolchicine. Thus III was a 2 - demethyl analogue of colchicine. But the difference III from 2 - demethylcolchicine is the presence of  $\text{NHCH}_3$  ( $\delta$  2.28) and the missing  $\text{COCH}_3$  (none of the signals of  $\text{CH}_3$  at  $\delta$  1.9 - 2.05 in  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, and none of the signals of CO about  $\delta$  170.0 in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR). So, III was identified as 2 - demethyldemecolcine.

Compound IV  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_7$ , M 401. Its  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\delta$  3.95, 3.89, 3.58) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\delta$  56.3, 56.3 and 61.6) showed the presence of three methoxyl groups. Similar to III, IV was a 2 - demethyl analogue of colchicine too. Its IR spectrum ( $1635\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) showed the presence of  $-\text{NHCOR}$  at C - 7. However, there was no signals of  $\text{COCH}_3$  in  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, which indicated that R of  $-\text{NHCOR}$  was not methyl group. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\delta$  62.3) and the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (OH of  $\delta$  5.92,  $\delta$  4.12 and  $\delta$  3.92 of  $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ) showed the presence of  $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ . Thus, the side chain of IV at C - 7 is  $-\text{NHC(=O)CH}_2\text{OH}$  group. Accordingly, the chemical structure of IV can be determined as 2 - demethylcolchifoline.

Compound V  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_6$ , M 385. It was an isomer of compound II. Its  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\delta$  3.94, 3.89, and 3.67) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\delta$  60.9, 56.8, 56.2) showed the presence of three

methoxyl groups. Compared with II, V was a 2-demethyl analogue of colchicine also. However, it differed from II in four methine ( $C_4$ ,  $C_8$ ,  $C_{11}$ ,  $C_{12}$ ). Its  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum [6.71(d, 1H), 6.50(s, 1H), 4.13(dd, 1H), 3.63(dd, 1H)],  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR(DEPT) spectrum [129.0(d), 108(d), 51.4(d), 43.1(d)], and IR spectrum ( $1718\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1640\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) indicated that V was a lumicolchicine analogue. Furthermore, the signal at  $\delta$  4.82(m, 1H) was assigned to C-7, which indicated V was a  $\beta$ -lumicolchicine derivative (Meksuriyen *et al.*, 1988). Accordingly, V was identified as 2-demethyl- $\beta$ -lumicolchicine.

## EXPERIMENTAL

**General.** Mps.: uncorr.; IR spectra were obtained on a IR-450S spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were measured in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and recorded on a Bruker spectropin AM-400 spectrometer at 400 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR(DEPT) using TMS as internal standard. EI-MS were measured on VG Autospec 3000 mass spectrometer at 70 eV accelerating voltage.

**Plant material.** The flowers of *Colchicum autumnale* L. were collected in Zhaotong, Yunnan, China and identified by Prof. Hu Zhi-Hao.

**Extraction and isolation.** The powder of dried flowers (600 g) was extracted with  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  in a Soxhlet apparatus, and the solvent was removed to afford a  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  extract. The extract was dissolved in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  layer was made acidified with 1%  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  to pH 2.5, then extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  respectively. The  $\text{CHCl}_3$  layer was evapd to dryness to give an acid fraction. The acid soln was basified with  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  to pH 9 and extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  to give a basic fraction.

The acid fraction was separated on a silica gel column with eluting  $\text{CHCl}_3$  by increasing amount of  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  to give twelve fractions. The fifth fraction was further separated by preparative TLC on  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{OH} = 70:1$ ), which obtained compound VI (6 mg). The sixth fraction was further separated by preparative TLC ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{OH} = 60:1$ ), which obtained compound I (60 mg). The eighth fraction was further separated by preparative TLC ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{OH} = 40:1$ ), which obtained compound II (57 mg) and V (72 mg). The twelfth fraction was further separated by preparative TLC ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{OH} = 25:1$ ), which obtained compound IV (22 mg). The basic fraction was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 - \text{CH}_3\text{OH}(20:1)$  to afford compound III (450 mg).

**colchicine (I):**  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_6$ , yellow powder ( $\text{AcOEt} - \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ), mp  $155 \sim 156^\circ\text{C}$ .  $\text{IR}_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}\text{ cm}^{-1}$ : 3430, 3300, 2950, 1640, 1618, 1590, 1560, 1490, 1250, 1100, 1020, 1020. EIMS  $m/z$  (%): 300( $\text{M}^+$ , 57), 371(16), 356(100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 8.50(d, 1H,  $J = 6.1\text{ Hz}$ , NH), 7.61(s, 1H, H-8), 7.31(d, 1H,  $J = 10.9\text{ Hz}$ , H-12), 6.87(d, 1H,  $J = 10.9\text{ Hz}$ , H-11), 6.49(s, 1H, H-4), 4.60(m, 1H, H-7), 3.97(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3 - 10$ ), 3.91(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3 - 2$ ), 3.89(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3 - 3$ ), 3.60(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3 - 1$ ), 1.90~2.50(m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2 - 5$  and  $\text{CH}_2 - 6$ ), 1.92(s, 3H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data see Table 1.

**2-demethylcolchicine (II):**  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_6$ , yellow powder ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), mp  $210^\circ\text{C}$ .  $\text{IR}_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}\text{ cm}^{-1}$ :

3400, 2950, 1654. 1610, 1590, 1570. EIMS  $m/z$  (%): 385( $M^+$ , 93), 356(94), 342(67), 298(100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 7.75(d, 1H, NH), 7.54(s, 1H, H-8), 7.30(d, 1H,  $J=10.8\text{Hz}$ , H-12), 6.83(d, 1H,  $J=10.8\text{Hz}$ , H-11), 6.48(s, 1H, H-4), 4.61(m, 1H, H-7), 3.97(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3-10$ ), 3.89(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3-3$ ), 3.62(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3-1$ ), 1.85~2.50(m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2-5$  and  $\text{CH}_2-6$ ), 1.93(s, 3H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data see Table 1.

2 - **demethyldemecolcine** (III):  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5$ , yellow powder ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 - \text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ ), mp 124~125 $^\circ\text{C}$ .  $\text{IR}_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3320, 2940, 2842, 1612, 1590, 1560, 1495, 1250. EIMS  $m/z$  (%): 357( $M^+$ , 100), 342(8), 328(23), 298(42), 193(92).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.66(s, 1H;  $\text{C}_8 - \text{H}$ ), 7.29(d, 1H,  $J=10.7\text{Hz}$ ;  $\text{C}_{12} - \text{H}$ ), 6.84(d, 1H,  $J=10.7\text{Hz}$ ;  $\text{C}_{11} - \text{H}$ ), 6.53(2, 1H;  $\text{C}_4 - \text{H}$ ), 4.01(s, 3H;  $\text{C}_{10} - \text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.93(s, 3H;  $\text{C}_3 - \text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.57(s, 3H;  $\text{C}_1 - \text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.37(m, 1H;  $\text{C}_7 - \text{H}$ ), 1.71~2.47(m, 4H;  $\text{C}_5 - \text{CH}_2$  and  $\text{C}_6 - \text{CH}_2$ ), 2.28(s, 3H;  $\text{NHCH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data see Table 1.

2 - **demethylcolchifoline** (IV):  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_7$ , yellow semi-solid.  $\text{IR}_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3400, 1635, 1600. EIMS  $m/z$  (%): 401( $M^+$ , 77), 373(20), 342(57), 298(100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 7.74(d, 1H, NH), 7.57(s, 1H; H-8), 7.31(d, 1H,  $J=10.8\text{Hz}$ ; H-12), 6.84(d, 1H,  $J=10.7\text{Hz}$ ; H-11), 6.49(s, 1H; H-4), 5.92(1H, OH), 4.67(m, 1H, H-7), 4.12 and 3.98(2H,  $\text{COCH}_2\text{OH}$ ), 3.95(s, 3H;  $\text{OCH}_2-10$ ), 3.89(s, 3H;  $\text{OCH}_3-3$ ), 3.58(s, 3H;  $\text{OCH}_3-1$ ), 1.90~2.50(m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2-5$  and  $\text{CH}_2-6$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data see Table 1.

2 - **demethyl- $\beta$ -lumicolchicine** (V):  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_6$ , colorless needles ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ), mp 225 $^\circ\text{C}$  (sublimation).  $\text{IR}_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3400, 1718, 1640, 1610, 1555, 1410. EIMS  $m/z$  (%): 385( $M^+$ , 67), 371(26), 342(100), 328(57).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 6.71(d, 1H,  $J=3.2$ , H-11), 6.50(s, 1H, H-4), 6.07(d, 1H,  $J=7.1\text{Hz}$ , NH), 4.82(m, 1H, H-7), 4.13(dd, 1H,  $J=3.2$  and 2.8, H-12), 3.94(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3-1$ ), 3.89(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3-3$ ), 3.67(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3-10$ ), 3.63(dd, 1H,  $J=2.8$  and 2.0, H-8), 2.76(dd, 1H,  $J=15.8$  and 7.9, H-5), 2.56(dd, 1H,  $J=15.8$  and 9.0, H-5), 2.00(m, 2H, H-6), 2.04(s, 3H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data see Table 1.

**$\beta$ -lumicolchicine** (VI):  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_6$ , yellow powder ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3 - \text{CHCl}_3$ ), mp 181~182 $^\circ\text{C}$ :  $\text{IR}_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3380, 1725, 1630, 1605. EIMS  $m/z$  (%): 399( $M^+$ , 15), 356(100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 6.64(d, 1H,  $J=3.2$ , H-11), 6.45(s, 1H, H-4), 5.93(d, 1H,  $J=6.8\text{Hz}$ , NH), 4.79(m, 1H, H-7), 4.08(dd, 1H,  $J=3.2$  and 2.8, H-12), 3.94(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3-1$ ), 3.85(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3-2$ ), 3.83(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3-3$ ), 3.68(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3-10$ ), 3.59(dd, 1H,  $J=2.8$  and 1.9, H-8), 2.73(dd, 1H,  $J=15.2$  and 8.0, H-5), 2.58(dd, 1H,  $J=15.2$  and 9.2, H-5), 2.05(s, 3H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 2.00(m, 2H, H-6).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data see Table 1.

Table 1  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR(DEPT) spectral data of compound I - VI in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ 

Assignment	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
C-1	151.1(s)	144.8(s)	144.2(s)	144.8(s)	145.3(s)	151.8(s)
C-2	141.6(s)	138.0(s)	138.8(s)	138.0(s)	137.6(s)	140.5(s)
C-3	153.5(s)	147.7(s)	147.4(s)	147.7(s)	147.1(s)	153.2(s)
C-4	107.4(d)	106.7(d)	106.5(d)	106.9(d)	108.1(d)	109.4(d)
C-5	29.8(t)	29.6(t)	29.6(t)	29.6(t)	31.6(t)	31.4(t)
C-6	52.7(d)	52.7(d)	62.6(d)	37.0(t)	32.3(t)	32.6(t)
C-7	52.7(d)	52.7(d)	62.6(d)	51.8(d)	51.4(d)	51.5(d)
C-8	130.4(d)	130.6(d)	131.0(d)	131.1(d)	51.4(d)	51.5(d)
C-9	179.6(s)	179.5(s)	179.7(s)	179.6(s)	200.8(s)	200.8(s)
C-10	164.0(s)	164.1(s)	163.8(s)	164.0(s)	157.8(s)	157.9(s)
C-11	112.9(d)	112.8(d)	112.0(d)	112.8(d)	129.0(d)	128.8(d)
C-12	135.5(d)	135.0(d)	131.9(d)	135.0(d)	43.1(d)	43.2(d)
C-1a	125.6(s)	125.0(s)	124.8(s)	125.0(s)	117.9(s)	117.8(s)
C-4a	134.2(s)	129.8(s)	134.5(s)	129.8(s)	126.1(s)	138.8(s)
C-7a	152.6(s)	152.2(s)	151.9(s)	151.6(s)	134.5(s)	137.5(a)
C-12a	137.0(s)	136.6(s)	137.5(s)	136.6(s)	136.8(s)	145.2(s)
C-1 OCH <sub>3</sub>	61.4(q)	61.2(q)	60.3(q)	61.1(q)	60.9(q)	61.3(q)
C-2 OCH <sub>3</sub>	61.2(q)	-	-	-	-	60.8(q)
C-3 OCH <sub>3</sub>	56.1(q)	56.3(q)	56.2(q)	56.3(q)	56.2(q)	56.0(q)
C-10 OCH <sub>3</sub>	56.3(q)	56.3(q)	56.1(q)	56.3(q)	56.8(q)	56.6(q)
NHCH <sub>3</sub>	-	-	34.0(q)	-	-	-
COCH <sub>2</sub> OH	-	-	-	62.3(t)	-	-
C-16	170.0(s)	169.9(s)	-	172.4(s)	170.3(s)	170.2(s)
C-17	22.6(q)	22.7(q)	-	-	23.4(q)	23.5(q)

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